

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of presenting a control on a computer user interface comprising:
retrieving stored information on request by a user;
selecting a control according to the nature of the information; and
creating the control on the interface including the information.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the control is selected from two or more control types according to the nature of the information.
3. A method according to claim 2, wherein each control is suited for use with information of a particular nature.
4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the information comprises a plurality of records and the nature of the information relates to the number of records.
5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the control is selected according to the number of records comprising the information.
6. A method according to claim 5, wherein the selected control is suited for displaying the number of records comprising the information.

1 7. A method according to claim 4, wherein the control is selected according to a threshold
2 which relates to a quantity of records.

1 8. A method according to claim 7, wherein the selected control is suited to displaying the
2 number of records comprising the information.

9. A method according to claim 8, wherein the control is a combination box or a list box.

- 1 10. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer
2 readable program code embodied therein for presenting a control on a computer user
3 interface, the computer program product comprising:
4 program code configured to retrieve information requested by a user;
5 program code configured to select a control according to the nature of the
6 information; and
7 program code configured to create the control on the interface including the
8 information.
- 9 11. A computer program product according to claim 10, wherein the selection program code
10 selects the control from two or more control types according to the nature of the
11 information.
- 12 12. A computer program product according to claim 11, wherein each control is suited for use
13 with information of a particular nature.
- 14 13. A computer program product according to claim 12, wherein the information comprises a
15 plurality of records and the nature of the information relates to the number of records.
- 16 14. A computer program product according to claim 13, wherein the selection program code
17 selects the control according to the number of records comprising the information.

1 15. A computer program product according to claim 14, wherein the selected control is suited
2 to displaying the number of records comprising the information.

1 16. A computer program product according to claim 15, wherein the control is a combination
2 box or a list box.

1 17. A computer program product according to claim 13, wherein the selection program code
2 selects the control according to a threshold which relates to a quantity of records.

1 18. A computer program product according to claim 17, wherein the selected control is suited
2 to displaying the number of records comprising the information.

1 19. A computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the control is a combination
2 box or a list box.

1 20. A system for presenting a control on a computer user interface, the system comprising:
2 means for retrieving information requested by a user;
3 means for selecting a control according to the nature of the information; and
4 means for creating the control on the interface including the information.

1 21. A system according to claim 20, wherein the means for selecting is adapted to select the
2 control from two or more control types according to the nature of the information.

1 22. A system according to claim 21, wherein each control is suited for use with information
2 of a particular nature.

1 23. A system according to claim 22, wherein the information comprises a plurality of records
2 and the nature of the information relates to the number of records.

1 24. A system according to claim 23, wherein the means for selecting is adapted to select the
2 control according to the number of records comprising the information.

1 25. A system according to claim 24, wherein the selected control is suited to displaying the
2 number of records comprising the information.

26. A system according to claim 25, wherein the control is a combination box or a list box.

1 27. A system according to claim 23, wherein the means for selecting is adapted to select the
2 control according to a threshold which relates to a quantity of records.

1 28. A system according to claim 27, wherein the selected control is suited to displaying the
2 number of records comprising the information.

29. A system according to claim 28, wherein the control is a combination box or a list box.

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